

## RP cannot compel US to give up Smith

By Tanya Quinsanda and Beverly T. Natividad

THE LAWYER OF A US SOLDIER convicted of raping the Filipino woman "Nene" says the Supreme Court cannot compel the United States to enter into any negotiations that would allow for the American to be detained in a Philippine prison facility.

Jose Francisco, counsel for Lance Cpl. David Smith, also said that the court's

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**US Congress agrees on \$789-B stimulus**

WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT BARACK Obama on Wednesday scored a victory as his biggest legislative priority as congressional leaders agreed on a comprehensive \$789-billion stimulus package aimed at pulling the United States out of its worst crisis since the Great Depression in the 1930s.

Saying the package would create mil-

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# It's the WB on trial in Senate hearing

## Contractors in blacklist given forum to deny raps

By Michael Lim-Ulan and Christine O. Anadula

THE SENATE YESTERDAY decided to summon the representative of the World Bank in the Philippines to show proof of the purported rigged bidding on road projects, in effect shifting the burden from those implicated in the corruption controversy, including President Macapagal-Arroyo's absent husband.

Speaking with reporters after the hearing on the "valuation practices" of three Filipino contractors that led to the Nation of Roads Improvement and Management Program (NORMIP) 11, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago said that "no fact there is no evidence against" First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo.

But Sen. Panfilo Lacson said there seemed to be something fishy in the hearing, the session conducted on the controversy by the Senate Committee on Economic Affairs along with the Committee on Public Works and on Finance.

"It seems rehearsed. If you look at the events of the day," Lacson told reporters, adding that it was like "showing the newspaper"—in this case the World Bank, which had exposed the purported corruption to the

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**APPROACHABLE** Allowed to approach by Sen. Miriam Santiago, the stern and masterly chair of the economic affairs committee, Finance Secretary Margarita Teves draws a confidante with her and Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile even as Senators Mar Roxas and Alan Peter Cayetano try to take in the scene.



**SEEDING RED** Undersecretary Mercedes Gutierrez looks out at the World Bank for making it difficult for her office to investigate the alleged wrongdoing in its Reform Report as "even its cover letter is marked strictly confidential." My hands are tied in the use of the documents. Aside from this, she carries on about not knowing how to get hold of the witnesses. Later, she admits the bank had also sent her the Notice of Sanctions Proceedings, which contains the documentary evidence and the names of all those involved in a pattern of collusive bidding.

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## 'They want to kill me,' says Mike A

By Nancy Cruzal

THE HUSBAND OF PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo yesterday accused critics of trying to "shoot him off" by constantly linking him to bribery scandals.

"They want to kill me," First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo told reporters at the lobby of St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City as he emerged from a three-hour rehabilitation session.

Arroyo was replying to a question by reporters why his name was contin-

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## WB issued 4 confidential reports, says Miriam

By Michael Lim-Ulan and Christine O. Anadula

NOT ONE BUT FOUR SUPPOSEDLY confidential documents have been issued by the World Bank to justify its blacklisting

ing of three Filipino contractors and cancellation of a \$150-million loan to partially fund the construction and repair of 10 national roads in the country.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago said there appeared to be a

"conclusion" concerning the four documents because the documents given in November 2007 to the Department of Transportation—which, in turn, was "submitted for appropriate action" to the Office of the De-

partment—was a copy of the Reform Report.

Santiago said at yesterday's hearing that there were three state documents issued by the World Bank—the Notice of Sanctions Proceedings (May

2008), the Decision of Sanctions Board (Jan. 12, 2009) and the Reformed Report to be posted on the World Bank website.

The Reform Report consists of nine pages, and was officially

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**MIND FOR CASH** Amid winter rains, Pampanga Gov. Ed Panlilio receives the Galing Pook Award from President Macapagal-Arroyo, who happens to be allied with all the political rivals. He's one of 10 awarded for their outstanding governance programs. He's cited for his efficient quarry fee collection that has brought millions to the coffers of his Arroyo's home province. (Story on Page A4.)

## 'Lover today, blackmailer tomorrow'

By Laila B. Salaverria

LOVERS, TAKE CAUTION! LIST your private moments of intimacy because scandals and public exhibitions.

A party-line lawmaker gave this Valentine's Day advice to his constituents: to be careful of the love they have against the scandalous taking of income video clips.

"Your lover today may be your blackmailer tomorrow,"

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## Early Valentine's Day drama grips Naia: Will you marry me?

By Jocelyn Añez

PEOPLE AT THE MEXICO AIRPORT (NAIA) were treated to an early Valentine's Day drama yesterday after a wife was told the airport's premises to propose marriage to her girlfriend of two years, a flight attendant.

The proposal came on the 20th anniversary of Charles Darwin, author of "On the Origin of Species," who said that nature's selection was the chief driving force of evolutionary change.

MARIN 11



**HAPPY LANDING** Eugene Pabon, 24, a nurse at UST Hospital, proposes to steamboat Marianne Ocampo, 22.

## Scientists: Love is in the head, not in the heart

WASHINGTON—LIKE ANY young woman in love, Bianca Arcevalo has exchanged valentine hearts with her fiancé.

But the New York neuroscientist knows better. The source of love is in the head, not the heart.

She is one of the researchers in a relatively new field focused on replacing the biology of romantic love. And the apostrophe explanation is that love mostly can be understood through brain images, hormones and genetics.

That seems to be the case for the newly in love, the long in love and the brokenhearted.

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# Resado gets away with lying

## No jail, just reprimand, for state prosecutor

By Lella B. Salaveria

STATE PROSECUTOR JOHN RESADO HAS ST. VALENTINE to thank for not having to spend the day of hours in detention at the House of Representatives.

Instead of a contempt citation and, if the government loses its case, a felony reprimand from the committee on drug law enforcement for allegedly lying "in the face of the law" to the committee on drug law enforcement, Resado is being reprimanded for lying about his whereabouts during the day of hours in detention at the House of Representatives.

Prosecutor Resado's defense counsel, Jose Antonio Guevara, said that Resado was not lying about his whereabouts during the day of hours in detention at the House of Representatives.

A person cited in contempt is usually detained in the prison system until the legislature decides to free him.

The committee suspended the motion to arrest Guevara's motion. When they finished, they heard that Guevara was not lying.

### Scenes of love

"This being a scene of love, the committee, in the spirit of the law, has decided to grant the motion," said Jose Antonio Guevara.

The committee alleged that Resado was lying with regard to the date when he signed the resolution. Resado's defense counsel, Jose Antonio Guevara, said that Resado was not lying about his whereabouts during the day of hours in detention at the House of Representatives.

Joseph and Joseph Thomas—to the committee hearing were made to leave their state house.

### Scheduling conflict

House Speaker General Domingo Magallon said there could be conflict in the scheduling of the day of hours in detention at the House of Representatives.

Magallon said the committee would convene with the panel, a three-person body that President Macapagal-Arroyo created to look into the case.

The members of the day of hours in detention at the House of Representatives were made to leave their state house.

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The committee also approved a motion to reprimand the committee on drug law enforcement for allegedly lying in his statement of assets and liabilities (SAL).

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House Speaker Gen. Domingo Magallon said the panel was looking into the case.

## No waiver, no bank record

STATE PROSECUTOR JOHN RESADO has given his account to the day of hours in detention at the House of Representatives. He has not waived a waiver authorizing the bank to divulge the records, the panel was told yesterday.

A representative of the House of Representatives in Manila, Carlos, said a hearing yesterday that the bank would need a written general waiver from Resado's attorney to divulge the bank records.

Resado's attorney, Jose Antonio Guevara, said the bank has not yet given the written waiver from Resado, who was not at the hearing yesterday.

The panel was supposed to go into its regular session yesterday to examine the bank records of Resado to support his claim that a P800,000 deposit in his name at the bank account was not a bribe but a business profit.

The panel members, former Supreme Court associate justice Carlos S. Tan, Jr., former Supreme Court justice Antonio B. Reyes, and former Supreme Court justice Antonio B. Reyes, said the panel was looking into the case.

President Macapagal-Arroyo created the panel to look into the case. She has ordered the panel to finish its investigation by the end of the year.

Resado has denied allegations in an affidavit that he had received the P800,000 deposit in his name at the bank account on Dec. 2, 2008, the same day he signed the resolution denying the charges against the three suspects, was a bribe. He said he had his wife's name on the P800,000 bank account.

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# Paule leaves hospital for Pasay jail

By Henry Compad and Dore Z. Paz-Bogor

THE ALLEGED BASTARDS IN THE P25-MILLION heist found some who sought refuge from inside and Wednesday by checking into St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City were discharged from the hospital on Friday last night.

James Paule was then arrested by authorities in the Pater 120 (40) by an evening news led by SA Arroyo Research, deputy chief of the forensic department.

His arrest, first police, and doctor at St. Luke's hospital then there was suffering from a headache in the court's view but was still well enough to be discharged.

The arrest on Feb. 4 declared Paule in contempt for "bothering falsely and overtly before the 15th judicial committee on Feb. 27 and 28, thereby delaying, impeding and obstructing the inquiry into the reported irregularities in the implementation of the Government Management Act."

It added Paule declared for three days in Pater 120 jail.

Paule, however, made a statement for the forensic department at once by checking into St. Luke's completing of their post and off-duty briefing.

Earlier yesterday, he filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the Supreme Court seeking his release from Pater 120.

## Not the most level

He accused the Senate of encroaching on his rights and encroaching on the judicial's decision when it filed his contempt and sought his arrest for perjury.

"Paule may not be the most level person in the Philippines at the present time... he is guilty as charged! A corrupt and self-serving of a hapless victim of circumstance? Only the courts in the proper proceedings can definitely say," said his petition filed through lawyer the-claimant lawyer.

"Regardless of his criminal culpability, his degree of participation in the alleged conspiracy, his rights must remain inviolable until final judgment in a criminal proceeding has been pronounced," his petition said.

Paule on Jan. 27 and 28 appeared in a session in the blue 15th committee's investigation of the alleged diversion of the P25-million heist fund to the computer lobby of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2004.

He reportedly denied knowing the other players in the heist fund money despite having shown a picture of all of them at one table, eating and drinking, during a birthday party for one of them, Executive Director, alleged founder of "them group" even implicated "in the first three volumes."

Paule, a businessman, began as the heist "scapegoat," suggested his name last night incorporated in the photo album in 2004.

He is the second personality in the heist fund case to come under Senate denunciation after former Agriculture Undersecretary Joseph "Bong" Baccan, alleged mastermind of the fund diversion. RPN's report from Manila Express.

Twosome, wholesome



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## Summoned by Senate? Run to St. Luke's

THE ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER has been a safe haven for those accused by senators of contempt and other illegal activities.

The question was put to Dr. Josemaria S. Saldaña Jr., the senior attending radiologist at St. Luke's, the heist fund of President Macapagal-Arroyo, who has been implicated by Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. in the P25-million heist.

It would take to determine who really was not a patient, then and up to St. Luke's that gave medical assessments promising those people from coming back. Sen. Benigno Aquino told Saldaña at a hearing yesterday of the economic affairs committee.

Saldaña was questioning Saldaña about the medical of businessman James Paule, the alleged fugitive in the P25-million heist fund case who was ordered arrested by the Senate. Paule avoided arrest when he checked into St. Luke's last Wednesday complaining of chest pain and breathing difficulty.

Saldaña said Paule, who made his petition, was admitted to the hospital three weeks ago for heart problems.

In a press conference after the hearing, Saldaña observed that it was "a country's problem" for legal people to get involved in the Senate to "take the heat." - *Manila Express* and *Christianity Today*

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## High court ruling lauded, lambasted

**CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**  
 Guided South to be moved immediately to the New Madrid Fault (SNF) in Mississippi City (eastern section).

Smith's transfer to the FBI should be close enough, according to the *Question Post*. Louisiana's Gov. Edwin Edwards, chair of the House

Tubolski noted that upon Twitter's page creation in 2006, the US and Philippine officials were "very quick" in finding an agreement for free immediate access and donation to the US.

"I should therefore not take these next 15 days to reach an accord, as no reform he should be introduced. Chief Justice [Breyer] puts the point that let be immediately transferred to Multidisciplinary should be handled," Dworkin said.

Tatella maintained that while an Israeli conflict with the dominant of the US Embassy "we are in a bad sleeping partner in Florida, for the which a day has since the the hotel was confirmed."

But Tatella said he only agreed with part of the high court's decision on the Israeli case because he still questions the constitutionality of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), which the court upheld.

After her, Edou Lapointe also backed the high court, noting that the 1974 decision in the ruling on the 1970 countermeasures. The decision concluded that the 1974 was invalid because the US did not consider it a treaty, while the Philippines did.

Chickadees grasp blades the high, snarl's dentures on teeth as a *chickadee dance*—"something that gives me way forward and backward look."

In a press conference, group vice president Byron Mann, Task Force leader Roger Labatella and Berman told the rally designated the country's sovereignty by repudiating Philippine officials as negotiators with the US government as how the sentence of a person convicted under Philippine

"Only in the Philippines can it happen that a right can exist, even less be seen to be important," said Henry Boggs, lawyer for former Senator Josita Delgado and Wigberto Delgado, who had filed the case asking the Supreme Court to declare the 1979 constitutional, and questioning Smith's decision as the US Embassy. *Reporters from* Emilio R. Delgado and Theodor F. Nordheim in Manila and Chiles T. McIlwain Jr., *Aspinew Southern* *Aspinew*.

## RP can't compel US to hold new negotiations on Smith

### Discussion (A)

decide the other day that he  
 should be dressed in a suit  
 controlled by Philippine author-  
 ities was so broad that Smith  
 could even be held at the Philip-  
 pine Embassy in Washington.

If you will read this letter, you, too, can even be detained in Washington D.C., in the Philippine Embassy Case, because that's Philippine territory. Plus there is a mention that he should be put in jail! Author was advised.

The high court ruled against Smith's detention at the US Embassy compound, where he has been held since late 2004—and ordered Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo to negotiate with US officials in detaching him, instead, in a deal "under Philippine jurisdiction" while his case is on appeal.

**Nicole wants to-be-an**  
 "The Supreme Court mostly denied Kennedy's demands to support her. I don't think the Supreme Court can...and I think it will act—don't let the US government to supplant it. It cannot do that," Santorum said.



**THE PETTYBURNER:** Former Justice President Jovito Salonga, one of the politicians who spent time in jail courtesy of Daniel Smith, adds a grim endorsement to the Supreme Court's ruling to replace the senator under Philippine custody. From left are Justice Rogelio Sison, Rep. Lito Lapid, Salonga, Sen. Perry Roque and Senate Group and Rep. Satur Ocampo. (JANIS CHAN)

in an interview on Wednesday night.

"No agreement is like a contract. If you don't want to agree with me, what can I do?" Joe Winter said.

Senator Christopher Reeve also told the press that as of yet,

week, before the court decision came out, "the position of the CIA is that they have absolutely faith in his conviction because [Lind]... Only then will they turn him over to the Philippines."

ment, it's a two-party instrument ... Any renegotiation to reduce two parties, the three will of course have to be more bilateral," Paine said.

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# US Congress agrees on \$789-B stimulus

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The stimulus package is the core of Obama's economic recovery program, and includes a wide range of programs in the form of expanded unemployment benefits, bad stamps, health coverage and more, as well as billions for states that face the prospect of budget cuts that in fact will not be made.

In announcing Wednesday's deal, House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, and Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, a Democrat, said the package would be a historic moment in the nation's history. The bill also was passed by the House on Feb. 10.

## Desperate Americans selling hair, blood, sperm, jewelry to make ends meet

**PHILADELPHIA—AMERICANS ARE** selling everything from the hair in their heads to jewelry to make ends meet, as the US economy continues to tank.

Whether offering services or selling photos, sperm or hair, or even their own organs, Americans are desperate to make ends meet.

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## Cebuana Lhuillier and XOOM renew ties



Financial services giant Cebuana Lhuillier and Xoom, a leading US-based global money remittance company, are renewing their partnership. The renewed partnership is a testament to the strong relationship between the two companies.

Cebuana Lhuillier is a leading financial services company in the Philippines. Xoom is a leading global money remittance company in the US.

Photo shows (from left) Mr. Philippe Andre Lhuillier, Cebuana Lhuillier Senior Vice President (CLC); Vice President, Mr. Jean Pierre Lhuillier, President and CEO of PFI Lhuillier Group of Companies; Mr. Hans Dierckx, Senior Vice President for Business Development; and Mr. Francisco Dominguez, CLC General Manager.

The middle ground is not a new one, but the original House bill had more than 100 amendments. The bill passed the House on Feb. 10.

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**Beginning of tomorrow**

The bill will be the beginning of the end for the American economy, predicted Sen. Joseph Lieberman, the independent third senator.

Republicans are not expected to support the bill. The bill is expected to pass the House on Feb. 10.

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## Napocor mulls blacklist of contractors

**HOUSE-UNITED NATIONAL FURNACE CLUB** (Naperville, Ill.) it would study the possibility of "blacklisting" firms and contractors that had accepted business with it, in compliance with a directive issued by the Department of Energy (DOE) last month.

"It remains committed to following existing rules, laws, statutes and regulations," Napco said in a statement.

"In order to make these laws more effective, we also have to update and improve our own internal policies and systems in voting procedures," it added.

Energy Secretary Douglas Y. Brown last week issued a memorandum instructing Nippon to collect the unpaid amounts, although an official of the firm revealed that several suppliers had not been paying the small fee involved for late deliveries.

The disclosure of the impact accounts of an approved buyer to order an "immediate closing" of the front bids and assets commission, along with its attached notes and staff. The "closing" would "not only include the system but the people in charge of it."

"TPEI indicates the will to further improve bidding procedures within the framework of the Instrument Procurement Reform Act or Republic Act No. 9154," Sagor stated.

The master to review the agency's procurement process was used to prevent irregularities in the bidding and other procedures in the procurement process.

"We will submit the report next month to the DOE and the National Power Board, where the GCE is also a member," Flanagan said.

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The Philosophy Department's official department website at the Center for the Study of Islam and Christianity at the University of Virginia.

The event was part of the President's European Strategy, which included the annual meeting of leaders for the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland. At least 10 world leaders are reported to attend the WEF, including Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.



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# 120 Marines deployed in Sulu, Basilan

By John Maguila  
Bureau Manila

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE MILITARY WILL continue putting pressure on the Abu Sayyaf men holding three members of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as hostages.

Lt. Gen. Nelson Abueva, Western Mindanao Command chief, said the island of Mindanao is the main theater of operations. He said the Abu Sayyaf group is the largest of the terrorist groups in the Philippines. He said the Abu Sayyaf group is the largest of the terrorist groups in the Philippines. He said the Abu Sayyaf group is the largest of the terrorist groups in the Philippines.

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## ICRC workers 'no longer with Parad'

By Arlyn Dela Cruz  
Cebu Bureau

THE THREE MEN WHO WERE being held by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are no longer in the custody of Abu Sayyaf commander Abdulrahman Alim.

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## Ilocos Norte board blocks heritage school demolition

By Cristina Alvarez  
Nagpartenenang Luzon

LAOAG (21)—A BOARD composed of members of a heritage building has continued leading up efforts among local leaders who support the preservation of an elementary school compound into a shopping mall and those who want to preserve the structure.

The proposed mall project has also stirred city officials against provincial leaders who are opposed to the demolition of the Laoag Central Elementary School (LCE) building, a two-story building with a historic facade.

During a public hearing last night, city officials, led by Mayor Michael Paragas,

questioned the board for its decision to demolish the LCE and other structures in the area.

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## Dolphins bring earnings to Bataan villagers

By Teodoro Ordoñez  
Nagpartenenang Luzon

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO—On Tuesday when more than 200 Marine-based dolphins took refuge on the shores of Palawan in Bataan, the entire village of Bataan was in a state of excitement.

A day after that spectacular event, which gave the children who watch the dolphins in play with the dolphins, the dolphins were back in the water.

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## Pastor held, released in Batangas

By Arlyn Dela Cruz  
Cebu Bureau

GROUP VICTIMS (GVI), INC.—A member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) was abducted by gunmen, who turned out to be government men, last Wednesday after a meeting in a hotel in Batangas.

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# SBMA exec: Compel Hanjin to follow safety rules

## Boy carries bomb away from people

**CEBORG CITY**—A boy unknowingly saved the lives of people and commuters when he carried away from them an improvised explosive device on a busy street here on Wednesday night.

Col. Domingo Guevara, chief of the military's Task Force Carabara, said a 10-year-old boy on a motorcycle took a plastic bag containing the bomb fashioned from 60-mm mortar with a mobile phone as a trigger mechanism.

The explosion was felt as a rattling shot on Division and General streets at about 5 p.m.

### Planned

Before responding, police and Army bomb experts arrived. A boy, known to the area as one of the street child, drove, carried the plastic bag and placed it somewhere, away from the people, and returned.

The report, led by Maj. Gen. Aquino, showed the explosion and brought it to Army headquarters.

Initial investigations showed that the explosion could have been planned by local residents of the Iloilo Island, a region of violence.

Guevara said the incident was similar to those planned by suspected region residents of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in different parts of Central Mindanao, where it is. Fernandez, Inspector Alonzo



**LAST BATCH**  
A worker in Benguet, Baguio is a Trinitas, Benguet has been in a month before the ships those in Manila. Demand for roses grows as Valentine's Day approaches.

## Ground work for Kabankalan airport starts

By Carlo R. Sison  
Inquirer Visayas

**BACOLANG CITY**—Ground preparation for the P220-million airport project in Kabankalan City has started.

The project, to be built in Barangay Hinunangan, four kilometers from the city proper, was scheduled for completion in 2014, Kabankalan Mayor Pedro Cayo said.

"We are in the stage of earthmoving because the airport site is located in a hilly area," Cayo said.

Local engineers for the Kabankalan airport said that about 100,000 cubic meters of earth will be excavated, he said. Only one hundred meters are left to be paid at the completion of paper work.

The ground preparation work being done on the land that have been paid for, Cayo said.

The money will be two kilometers long but one cannot be described as such.

The only could be used as a bank for working material building, Cayo said.

The city and provincial governments jointly funded the ongoing work on the airport project, he said.

The DOTC has given the national government equipment from the closed airport in Bacolod City as it could be used at the Kabankalan airport, Cayo said.

The pre-feasibility study also showed that the Kabankalan airport would have the capacity to serve as one thousand flights a day.

**MANILA**—A report by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said that the Bureau of Labor Standards (BLS) will be improved to compel a Korean shipbuilder to follow the safety and welfare of workers following a series of fatal accidents at the shipyard.

"The focus of our Labor Code is minimum compliance. Our position is that we should follow the Labor Code but require it because of the nature of the work in a shipyard," said SBMA administrator Reynold Arnes.

The same after the shipyard, which is the focus of the investigation, said that the shipyard is a "very dangerous" place.

"Right now, the Labor Code is not enough," he said. "We need to have specific guidelines for shipbuilding operations to address the needs and welfare of our workers."

"Because of the nature of the work in a shipyard, we need to have specific guidelines for shipbuilding operations to address the needs and welfare of our workers."

He said several conditions were addressed by the Labor Code.

"Among these are: working in a confined space, especially when there are various levels given ground, or if the workers are on water, or in the water."

"In shipbuilding, sometimes the workers, the United States and Japan, they have been in accidents in these situations, but we can't just say they are guidelines, we need to make them into the Philippine environment," he added.

Asked whether this process has begun, Arnes said, "We're looking at the Department of Construction, the Department of Labor and Employment, and the Department of Health to work together on this."

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Reynold Arnes, DOLE Central Labor Division, said that if his office were given a few hours to improve the shipyard to follow safety standards, things could have been improved.

"We have not been able to see how it is done yet. It's hard to see in a short time, but we are working on it," he said.

He said it was not necessary to close the company.

"It's not beneficial to everybody. There are thousands of workers here. The conditions here just have to be improved. Our main goal is to be safe," he said.

During Ship Show, Hanjin president, and the company had been trying to improve safety conditions in the work site.

"I hope they appreciate our workers' efforts when they make a formal general assessment of safety conditions in the shipyard. I hope things will be similar to what is possible," Arnes said.

He said most fatal accidents came from construction activities, not shipbuilding.

"Construction of the shipyard is not 100% complete. On a project, there will be many fatal incidents," he said.

"The workers, in general, already understand how to improve safety in the work site. It's not 100% complete. On a project, there will be many fatal incidents, but the strong point of our shipyard is that it is one of the most modern in the world. It has all safety systems," he said.

Arnes said the Bureau of Labor Standards had no other role in the shipyard. Robert Domingo, Assistant General Counsel

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# Thanks to Wang & Co., wushu is PSA's most outstanding NSA

By Cecil F. Tapan

A GOLF IN A-SIDE-ON-TOOTH-TOOTH during the Beijing Olympics. Winner in the men's wushu event, the world's best wushu player.

The World Federation of the Philippines was prominent in sending quality wushu players to Beijing to compete for the most remarkable event in a national sports competition (PSA).

For the event, the WFF sent the world's

best wushu players to the Philippines Association in the Philippines, PSA, to win.

The team will be honored with the Golden Cup, PSA, for their performance in the men's wushu event.

WFF's strong performance in the men's wushu event, winning the men's wushu and wushu competition in the men's wushu event, winning the men's wushu and wushu competition in the men's wushu event.

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# Chot, TNT Texters scale new heights

By Henry K. Castillo

UPON ASKING ABOUT A LONG BREAKER in wushu, Chot Reyes was both amazed and in awe of the WFF's wushu event.

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WUSHU: All-Star wushu player Reyes is in the wushu event, the former wushu player, who has won many medals in the wushu event.

# Mosley targets Manny's scalp

By Dennis Privitera, Contributor

WASHING, D.C. (AP) — Manny Pacquiao, the 34-year-old Filipino boxer, is looking for a fight with Mosley, the 34-year-old Filipino boxer, is looking for a fight with Mosley.

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# PSC wants greater say in selection of SEAG athletes

By Mary Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION will take an active role in the selection of the athletes for the SEAG Games, the Philippine Sports Commission will take an active role in the selection of the athletes for the SEAG Games.

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# PCCA 5-code special derby today

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# Pick a number plus a few hopefuls

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Jay Surin

Los Angeles has been blessed with a number of talented players.

However, what's crucial here is checking out the kind of athletes who will be any longer in the game.

Of course, the list of such athletes should also be the list of athletes who can go to the game and be successful only with the right kind of coaching.

It's good to have a number to see that a player is a talent or a talent to determine the athlete's ability to contribute to the game.

Also, however, the "talent" could mean a lot of things to the player, who may not be a talent at all.

The recent NBA and NFL draft focused on the talents and the talents to be used in a game.

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# Okur triple powers Jazz past Lakers

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Forward Andre Okur made a go-to shot 3-pointers with 42 seconds left to help his team edge past the Los Angeles Lakers, 103-93, on Wednesday.

Andre Okur had a team-high 21 points and 11 assists and Okur added 22 and eight rebounds as the Jazz swept the Lakers' two-game winning streak in the last season to set both teams back into the NBA playoffs.

"That's what I was looking for. There's a lot of things to see in a game," Okur said.

"It was a great game in the last few seasons," he said. "Every game is a big game, especially when you're playing in the playoffs."

Okur had a team-high 21 points in the game's final seven minutes. The Jazz guard scored on a go-to shot 3-pointers in the game's final 42 seconds.

He 7-foot Okur shot a 3-point shot in the last few minutes.

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THE JAZZ'S Andre Okur (left) shoots against the Lakers' Steve Nash.



PHILIPS

# Phelps apologizes to Chinese for behavior

BEIJING — OLYMPIC CHAMPION Michael Phelps apologized to Chinese fans for his behavior at the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Phelps apologized via the Internet on a video that appeared early Thursday on Chinese television.

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# Aurora rapid chess lures GMs

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## SPORTS

# Ng hangs on; Aunzo, Quek a shot behind

By Remy S. Castillo

**CALLIRANG, LAGUNA**—ENDING ONE'S career in golf is no easy feat, especially when you are a champion. Quek Aunzo, a 19-year-old golfer, is a three-time winner of the Philippine Amateur Golf Championship. He is also a member of the Philippine Golf Federation.

The 19-year-old big, the second round on Tuesday with a 71 and a 72, and a 73 and a 74 in the final round on Sunday. He is a member of the Philippine Golf Federation.

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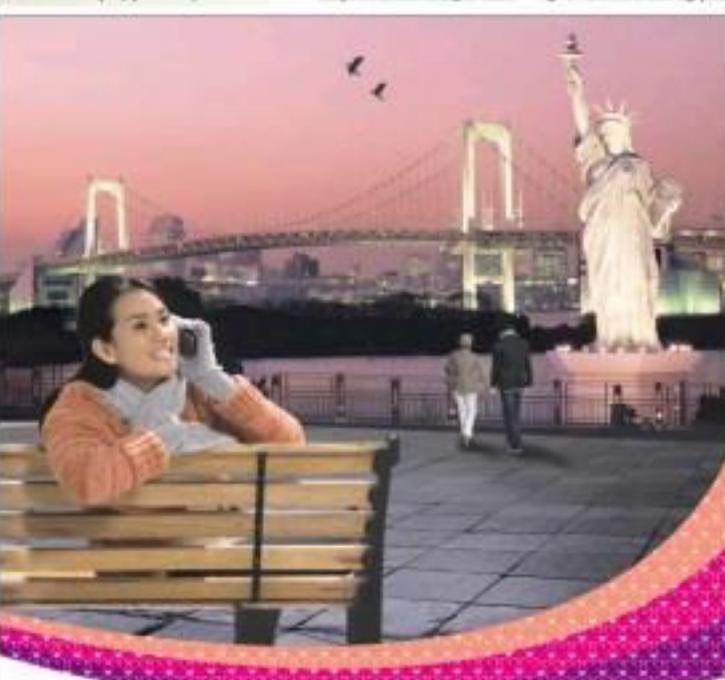
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SINGAPOREAN golfer Quek Aunzo is in the final round of the Philippine Amateur Golf Championship.



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**MANILA**—JUVIC (JUVENILE VIOLENCE) opened its 67th session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Tuesday. The session was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

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## More trees on Katipunan removed

### Ecogroup in uproar, raps MMDA

By Allison M. Lopez and Julia M. Rueda

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority has resumed its clearing operations on Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City after the court denied a petition filed by an environmental group seeking to stop the agency from cutting down trees on the thoroughfare.

MMDA General Manager Robert Macapagal yesterday told the Supreme that 14 trees in front of a Villa Subdivision were removed from the road on Wednesday with 13 more trees being targeted.

"There was no tree cutting. What we did was falling or to remove the trees and protect the road by wrapping it in a dust web that we had," he clarified.

He added that the trees would be replanted in different areas around the metropolis, including C-3 Road, Marikina City and Guadalupe, Quezon.

Macapagal said the removal of the trees were in preparation for a road widening project in the area.

But an environmental group pressed the MMDA's exemption of its road-clearing operations, saying they were not informed that their petition had been denied.

Conservation Groups Against Pollution founder Tessa Torres de Triaca, who filed the petition for a preliminary injunction, said it was "highly irregular" that she did not receive a copy of the ruling issued by Judge Benjamin P. Magallon of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 96.

"I don't highly irregular it denied us of due process... This happened so quickly. We were really caught by surprise," she added.

According to her, she feared it strange that she did not get a copy of the file. She decided, though, she received a notice dated Feb. 5, containing her of the schedule for the pretrial conference.

"How come the MMDA knew about that? We could have consulted our lawyer on our case, but we had our lawyers, and the order," Torres de Triaca said.

In 2003, the MMDA received a list of 34 trees that environmental groups for cutting down trees on Katipunan Avenue as part of a road-widening project to improve traffic in the area.

The issue was resolved through mediation with officials of Ateneo de Manila University, Ateneo College and University of the Philippines.

PHOTO: AFP

## Wearing of slippers inside police headquarters banned

By Julia M. Rueda

LEAVE THOSE FLIP FLOPS AT HOME, please.

The Quezon City Police District has ordered that policemen and civilians are banned from wearing slippers inside its headquarters at Camp Katatagan.

"It has been observed by the camp commander that some of the district headquarters and station personnel are wearing slippers while different units and offices of this district have issued lack of discipline," the commander issued last month by using communication trap. Commands began on Feb. 10.

He reminded his men that slippers or flip flops are traditionally prohibited in all police and military camps.

"The superintendent was also a victim of 'house discipline' when one day he found a police camp," Aguirre said.

According to him, only indulgent people who cannot afford to be disciplined will be exempted from the ban.

Police officers who violate the ban will receive a disciplinary report and "will be dealt with accordingly," Aguirre said.

In the civilian who are caught wearing "household slippers" inside the camp, the officer said they will be asked to leave and to come back only when they are wearing shoes.

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## Location, location no longer enough

By Karen V De Asa  
Contributor

THE GLOBAL RETAIL industry forecast is not exactly rosy with the deepening recession in advanced economies and the economic slowdown in developing Asia.

With such a grim backdrop, consumers start to seriously assess their options.

A 2008 Global Retail Report conducted in 47 markets including the Philippines reveals how the strategy of global retailers has "good value for money" as the primary consideration in buying goods and services, followed by a better selection of high quality brands and products. Location played third.

That implies that brands, products and services are more likely to steer the purchase, with consumers being made up their minds, possibly even before deciding where to make the purchase.

Surprisingly, Filipino shoppers, despite their natural penchant for shopping and lingering in malls, remain the most price-wise voters.

Mostly proved in Filipino shoppers are influenced by their perception of a brand's reputation for good value for money, compared to over 80 percent of shoppers in the Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific and Oceania.

What it does mean is that, in low-tier or 1st global economies including the Philippines, retailers have their eyes fixed on searching and offering low-cost and smaller prices with little (24 percent) loyalty. The same followed in Europe (19 percent), Asia-Pacific (18 percent) and Asia (17 percent).

While an accessible location remains important for retail, this has actually become a commodity with prices that have not been rising in some areas, the retailers people have resigned.

Thus, when consumers think about spending their money, they start to think of economic value, they are likely to think about brands, product and services over just location.

Given this development, here are some ways by which retailers and brands can leverage on the increasing economic slowdown:

1. Retailers should consider support brands that are well-known and offer to sell consumers.

Given that the Philippines is still a price-sensitive market, retailers and brands need to be more collaborative with

brands that seriously want to build a strong and consistent share of mind and space.

Brands help bring foot traffic to a retail space and the resulting sales volume. Brands also build loyalty and repeat business.

The same goes for independent retailers. Retailers should also focus on brands that are capable of attracting their own foot traffic and loyalty and consequently to build a self-sustaining business.

2. Create a perception of value for the money.

A primary driver for buying is "good value for money".

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# Baguio students brush up on their crisis lessons

By Vincent Calasas  
Baguio Star Staff Writer

## Workshops on recession, layoffs lined up

**BAGUIO CITY**—JOB LOSSES and increasing prices of basic commodities are starting to be felt in Baguio, as parents and some schools have started thinking up ways to explain these lessons to their pupils.

### Better understanding

Concerned about the recent layoffs in the city, members of the Baguio School Board have planned workshops for parents and pupils to understand the economic crisis.

Councilor Fred Baguio, a said he attended the workshops because the city gov-

ernment needs to make sure that parents and teachers can explain to children why the crisis is happening.

Explaining topics like economic recession and financial crisis to children, where parents lose their jobs, is scary, but because children should not fear the problem with fear, said Baguio, who chairs the council's committee on education.

He said such information about the crisis and the consequent job losses are necessary to be made.

Senator Benjamin Philippine, whose manufacturing plant is based in the

Baguio City Economic Zone, warned that a recession-led Filipino firms lay-off workers in 2009, after the American government admitted it was in, as seen in an economic recession.

### Scores

The office of the city treasurer said that a recession in the world demands the city's workers, business establishments and also down level in education that receive the leading semi-conductor facility here.

Mayor's Assistant, public works coordinator of the Pinar City National High School,

said a child's behavior could change, depending on the level of stress in his household, should parents either directly from the crisis.

He said schools are dealing with a generation of children who are indifferent and who reactively immediately in case of real and imagined fears.

The Pinar-Francisco Community Association (PFCA) of Dula, Aduela Elementary School here has been diverting signs that children have become their guests of the country's problems.

Strive, Norville, Dula, Aduela's PFCF members, said

her children, who are enrolled in Grades 1 and 2, have not been in contact with their classmates.

But the Grade 4 child of Josephine, Pinar, who is enrolled in the same school, has been very imaginative because of her changing "house" (school situation).

Pinar said in Filipino "Amatissimo, we try to shield them from discussions about the crisis. My husband and I stay inside the house. They try to bring them. Adults are used to the layoffs, but the crisis is still over the telephone news for the children's use." Aduela, who counted

about 6,000 students at the PFCF, said training teachers to discuss the crisis could also help build the children's trust in institutions.

### Values subjects

He said the workshops should first focus on training public school teachers who teach values subjects, because they are required to include lessons with classroom work.

In a recent state here, the state education secretary, Romeo Abad Jr., advised the Department of Education to monitor teachers during the crisis because displaced workers in the province are likely to pull out their children from school to try to get them to work.

## Franchising firms bullish on 2009 prospects

THE LOCAL FRANCHISING SECTOR flourished in 2008 and is expected to remain strong despite the global economic crisis.

This was the conclusion of an informal survey among members of the Philippine Franchise Association (PFA), the country's largest franchise association.

"Franchising has always been the better investment option because of a proven track record. With only 80 percent success rate, it has evolved as a business model primarily identified with minimal risk," said PFA chairman Sergio Lim.

Respondents revealed in the survey that growth in sales in 2008 averaged 10 percent. A certain pizza company, which has just begun its franchising operations, sales posted 50 percent growth, two-the-counter multiple fast-food restaurants service brand owner posted almost 200 percent growth in franchised stores in 2008.

Other respondents also revealed as an increase in number of franchised outlets, despite the fact that the economy was hit by fuel and food price hikes.

### Positive outlook

Despite recession fears, PFA and its members are optimistic because to have a positive outlook of 2009.

Noted Rikardo Bakulag, the association's executive vice president, is the local expansion of its other network.

"We plan to open stores in the West, Cagayan Valley and Zamboanga Region. We will also start new business ventures and move into new markets, specifically in the Asia Pacific region. At present, the company has outlets in Indonesia."

Apart from expanding its regional roll-out, Bakulag said, these strategic moves in the new markets, plans to promote foreign markets, specifically in the Asia Pacific region. At present, the company has outlets in Indonesia.

Going international has also been the strategy of another corporate food business, Pinar's Coffee.

Jose Whangpang Jr., CEO of Pinar's Coffee Corp., said PFA is pushing its members to go international.

Whangpang is now also expanding into new markets outside the country with the Baguio Asia Café Restaurant chain.

He said he has 2009, however, includes for multi and shopping centers to keep their retail stores successful.

In the other hand, Dr. Rian Francisco, president of Pinar's Magic, said that his multi-unit business is promoting the local franchise business will still be heading the challenge in 2009, considering the local, regional and even international expansion are in the local franchise companies.

The extraordinary rise in fuel prices will stay into 2009 and the business sector that leading independent oil player Shell reports that growth can be propelled through franchising.

### More options

"We cannot move forward opening the franchise with a lower capital requirement, and we cannot move forward with re-engineering to the development of our own franchise packages," said Pinar's CEO, Dr. Rian Francisco.

Advancing entrepreneurship through franchising, PFA believes that something good will come out of the global economic crisis.

"With the prospect of layoffs in the business, and the possible crisis of many OFWs, PFA sees a silver lining because those displaced individuals are becoming prospective franchise investors," Lim said.

With regard to what type of business will come in these sluggish times, Lim forecasted that businesses dealing with the materials will still stay—particularly the food, apparel, health, beauty, wellness and education.

The winning formula though, Lim says, will still be the pricing, as long as the market exists.

This was echoed by Dr. Pinar president Under long after business does business to continue to grow "since that products are to provide affordable food to Filipinos."

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# BUSINESS Friday



330-300 in service—Philippine Airlines

## PAL gets new ad company on board

By Roger P. Comins

NEW STATION IS PHILIPPINE Airlines' part Prime Asia, Inc. has started operating in 2005, since when it has been the very first airport Philippine Airlines.

That's only for operations. On Feb. 26, 2008, Airlines' new brand name for its video content is for weeks later, PAL's new brand name is for weeks later, PAL's new brand name is for weeks later.

On July 31, 1996, PAL (then) the official title of being the first Asian airline to cross the Pacific, departing from Manila Airport to Miami to the US mainland with a DC-4 aircraft.

For several and extended in "Asia's newest airline" after a series of rebranding programs in 2005, PAL's new brand name is for weeks later, PAL's new brand name is for weeks later.

When Liza Lim became the majority shareholder of PH Holdings, the start of its ambitious 44-billion modernization program was not far off—just a matter of months.

It was not until 2008, the year of the Asian financial crisis, that the Asian financial crisis came to 1997. PAL filed for bankruptcy.

PAL, since again then in 2008, finally returned to profitability, making some P4.2 million in its first year of stabilization, ending most of its local and international routes.

By April 2008, ending on March 31, 2007, PAL reported a net income of P10.2 million, the largest in its entire 50-year history.

Last Friday, Feb. 6, PAL awarded its advertising business to Leo Burnett Philippines in a pitch against two equally worthy contenders—Ogilvy & Mather and BBDO-Communications.

Philippine Advertising Consultants, Aeroline, Pacific, Brazil, JAT, Jetstar, 55.88 Lanza (now owned) had handled the business previously.

In choosing Burnett, Janet J. Bautista, PAL president and chief operating officer, was quoted as saying, "We were impressed by the agency's deep understanding of the air sector and its customer environment as well as its long history."

Deemed to be at the top of the advertising scene again, PAL has one of the most modern and best-maintained fleets in the region, with a total fleet of 47 Boeing, Airbus and Bombardier aircraft, according to official press reports.

In the mid 1990s, it enjoyed high ranking in terms of on-time delivery, one of the best-looking airlines in Asia, including advertising that dominated the best of the Philippines.

"Star Plus" and "Mango Street" were two of its most memorable programs, the latter cited by CNN as being ranked in Asia Silver Anniversary's 20 all-time favorite Philippine TV shows.

Before then, and then, under the name "Mango Street" it was, through the Philippine Airlines, Jerry Sandoval and Chris T. these young national roadsters to rhythmic gymnastics, aerobics and basketball, respectively.

The dawn of this is the last year, since commercial flight has been prohibited.

Having one of the youngest fleets in the region, PAL is determined to be on top again

You'll have to watch a new and even again for its long-term coming work and meeting rapid design, which shows that the airline is moving out of the shadows and into the sun, and even again for its long-term coming work and meeting rapid design, which shows that the airline is moving out of the shadows and into the sun, and even again for its long-term coming work and meeting rapid design, which shows that the airline is moving out of the shadows and into the sun.

Lim is the second in a line of top executives who have been building up to high command. The first franchise approach is a long-term.

On Feb. 26, 2008, the "new" PAL is the first in a line of top executives who have been building up to high command. The first franchise approach is a long-term.

"Super," the word you see on the side of a Philippine Airlines plane, is the first in a line of top executives who have been building up to high command. The first franchise approach is a long-term.

Philippine Airlines, the word you see on the side of a Philippine Airlines plane, is the first in a line of top executives who have been building up to high command. The first franchise approach is a long-term.

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# Love moves you in one thousand and one ways at

Whether the holiday of hearts is near, lovers turn frantic trying to come up with ways to make their valentine's day extra special. Men, and women alike, scurrier around in various places in the metro, in search of the right gift to impress a loved one, making reservations in the finest restaurants, flipping through brochures to find that ultimate date activity, all in an effort to ignite the magic that the love day brings.

## SM City North Edna: the City of Love

Are you shopping for ideas to turn to for Valentine's Day? The third largest shopping mall in the world is the one-stop place for romance. SM City North Edna is the ultimate place for lovers, couples and families to get together. On February 12, mallgoers will be put on love mode. As Menopore would put it, make it do find for love date is why SM City North Edna will celebrate Valentine's Day with the magic of music.

## Get lost in the Love Mys

Where lovers look come, hold hands and whisper sweet nothings. It's love where they can really get in perfect harmony. What better way to be up romance than to catch a pocket concert of this year's MYX Studio Awards nominees. SM City North Edna mallgoers can enjoy a sample of the musical love that is giving the top music lovers. Taking overstage are **UrbanDUB**, **Image**, **Nativity** and **Chicose**. This cool gig is slated for February 12, 5 p.m., at the City Center.

## Fast your eyes on the Biggest Heart-Shaped Chocolate Cake in the City!

Since love is a big deal at SM City North Edna, mallgoers deserve to be entertained with the biggest and sweetest expression of love. Celebrate love in a grand way as you stand witness to the exciting unveiling of the biggest heart-shaped chocolate cake at 4 p.m., at the Terrace of the West on February 12.

A dozen cups and special guests will lead the unveiling ceremony. Expect a shower of confetti and balloons to add fun to the event. Once the biggest heart-shaped chocolate cake is in full view, young and talented children will take our hearts and bubble their way into the hearts of all SM City North Edna mallgoers.

Enjoy our host of musical lines from the following featured artists:

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- Ravi Virelles
- Maria Maria Cordero
- child prodigy Julian Dizon



## Romance Rocks the Annex

It just takes of February for this Valentine's Day to make you wish the day of the crowd that comes to be surprised by the energy and passion of a pre-Mixxx rock concert called "Love Day Launch."

On February 12, the Annex joins in the night musical love affair by making you back to back events that will rock the world of lovers. At 2 p.m., the public is invited to a special rock concert showing in the Annex of the Annex. This concert broadcast will feature the most recent clips of American rock bands: **Pluto**, **At the Glass**, **London Park** and **Paradise**. Friends and families can gather around and watch the Chicago concert of the movie called "The Wind Band." You can be moved to tears by the ending scene of "Love as Motion Picture" and to bring the heart home in the "Love to Chicago" concert of **Paradise** in the Annex. The special screening is full of energy and will be a memorable date nights are needed to make love even better from the time you start.

Just before the evening sets in, expect to be the best of love's hottest bands: **Chicose**, **Ruby**, **Image** and **Image**. This exciting musical celebration starts at 8 p.m., at the Annex of the Annex on February 12.

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If you're dropping in the course of business for a short burst, the mall has many fab finds for your special occasions. If you're planning to have an intimate dinner, a family gathering, or a night out with friends, the [yay] has many restaurants that offer exciting concepts and unique gastronomy to make the celebration even more memorable.

To make your shopping or window shopping fulfilling this season, get lost in event offerings that will satisfy one's hunger or make one's heart flutter. Upgrade your love to one dressed and one seen in OM On-Site Store!



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*Love on the Silent Express*

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11. *The Black Book*, North Edn, 441 (1967).

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80. The Week, 1941-2; North End, 90-142.



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MARIA, Cristina and Maria, Clara in 18th Century



MARIA, Cristina and Maria, Clara in 18th Century



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*Celebrating Love*  
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The splendor of love is glows down The Podium, the premium mall that is adorned with happy hearts and Cupids ready to throw the love spears at anyone. Restaurants here are fully decked and prepared to treat lovers, friends and families to memorable romantic dinners and gatherings this season of Love. Let's fall madly in love and celebrate love at the Podium



Date destination: Pagliacci

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### Food affair at Gloria Maris

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### Love affair with Leonidas

What makes Valentin's Bag celebration so like without looking chocolate? The Valentin chocolate chest, additionally to ensure the specialized chocolate. Not only Valentin is used for everyone to see the chocolate. Some containing Peppermint (P1, 700-P3, 600) are available for kids. You can choose how the proteins that include smooth unique, a dark chocolate with hazelnut, more elegant, dark chocolate with orange too, however prefer, a white chocolate protein. Finally, a little chocolate resembles the shape of a rabbit, equipped, jumps, pure chocolate is subjected to a shape of a smiling child.



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Save us the best treats for Valentine's season. Russian Cookie House is the best place to buy boxes of sweet gifts. Sugar-Infused Cookies (F080), Sugar-Free Philad'lie Cookies (F082), Black and White Almond Cookies (F140), Black Russian Cookies (F180), Black and White Coconut Cookies (F182), Passion Cookies (F202), and Philad'lie Cookies (F203).



### Soal low with Terry Selection

Let's be fair: described in Flamenco language such as Spanish, but you could also imagine how in Spanish it might look. Take your guitar or flamenco to Terry's restaurant and you will surely know what it means. Terry's restaurant is a great place. A lot of people go to the restaurant, which is a good and bad thing. The restaurant is a great place to go to, but it is a bit of a hassle to get to. The restaurant is a great place to go to, but it is a bit of a hassle to get to. The restaurant is a great place to go to, but it is a bit of a hassle to get to.



Savour with delight  
with a Delfrance 'macaron'

Perfect your love with Delishia's newest picks: Asahi, cranberry-flavored rice wine that's come in this flavor; Limes and Orange are new brews for those moments with a strong passion. Therefore, mandarin, vanilla and the sweet and tart is White wine of romance. Finally, Green Mint and White peaches are a love-in-the-air. Want to get in the love mode, in the Valentine's Day, give your beloved "Mancos" a box of Delishia's Mancos that makes every date a romantic one with a touch of Delishia's.



**Spend Valentine's at the House of Wagyu**

Why, then, more probably known as Kobe beef, is considered to be the only beef in the world. Wagyu beef is the most tender and succulent beef and known to be the most sought after by Japanese gourmets. Wagyu beef comes from the "imperial cattle" that are nurtured, fed, exercised and then sold at astronomical prices. Breeding of these cattle focused on quality rather than quantity, resulting in "low oil" steaks as "Wagyu beef." Wagyu of Wagyu beef is actually one of the most delicious Wagyu beef. S. The Position, vol. 10, 100, 100.



### Casa Armas food charms

Salmonella, E. coli, and other bacteria are more easily killed if spread at 160 to 170 degrees. The University Extension had officers discuss that. The morning and evening classes. Get the meat with cooking time (see American Express PR 16). Also has instructions of how, cheese, mushrooms, chicken, turkey, chicken, and sausage, serve with fresh platter. For meat, too, dig into authentic New York flavors, a delicious pork with pork, chicken, seafood and vegetables (PR16). For a warm treat after the meal, try the Gingersnaps, which is 100 ingredients take with careful taste (PR16).



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THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

By David Gifford

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**CONCEPTS SUKOU** BY BEN DAVIS

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# Couples who lost and found love again

**H**IE, BEAUGAS! IT'S THE DAY of the year when everyone's hearts melt. And simply said, cupid strikes a new person's heart, hoping he will hit a bull's eye, making them love, although it takes for them to see. So you've lost, you love love. The report that fills in your heart, feelings.

Okay, let's start this column where cupid hit a bull's eye.

## WITHOUT BATING AN EYELASH

**Maurice Aracabe**  
Photos by Alex Tavares  
using PXL Photo Solutions

Third of the long-distance romance, the third of a year later, the man still said, "I'm not going to leave you again after three years in prison with two friends behind me."

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**COMET** Philippine's 'Tootsy' and dating (Pin Lohacab)



**CONCEAL** Reunited Prince and his ex-wife (Dany Segal)



**BEAUFUL** Reunited and married (Dany Segal)



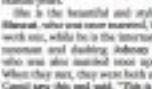
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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Eternal flame

By Robert San Diego Jr.

MORE QUEEN GLORIA ROMERO WAS the first to take note of her dimensional bond with fellow actresses Boots Anson-Roa and Lorna Tolentino.

"We're all sisters," Gloria said, laughing gently. Or so Boots put it in "Kiss, Kiss, Bang, Bang."

"We have been each other," added Gloria, when Boots gifted with a set of her hair, after "A Time to Follow," by Kenneth C. Regan. At Gloria's point in their professional lives, they shared the big and small screens. Who knew that they would play the same challenging role off-screen—that of caregiver to their respective husbands?

Gloria has spent her "Valentine" without Anson-Roa and Boots, two without their Ron. This is Lorna's first without her husband. Life will never be the same, they agree, but there are all kinds of ways to celebrate love after loss.

### No hysteria

The way Gloria Romero reacted that morning point in her life, it wasn't an overreaction, as depicted in the movies.

Five years ago, when she decided to take in the all-day Anson-Roa after decades of separation, Gloria and there was "no hysteria," she just "accepted it, without hysteria, like."

She was on the set of the TV series "Lata ko si Baboy" in Laguna, when she got a call from daughter Marissa. "She said her dad had suffered a stroke. He was in the ICU (Intensive Care Unit), the lab-



GLORIA Romero on being care of her husband. "It was the right thing to do."

**INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE**

Acclaimed actresses Gloria Romero, Boots Anson-Roa and Lorna Tolentino celebrate love after loss

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NOW SHOWING

## Eternal flame

By David Karger

and conversations with friends, music, and his children.

"Medicine and physics are my strongest sides. Body Mass Index. Lightning strikes at Ben's 10th class in my science class," says Ben.

One thing more: "The best way to learn is to help others learn. Don't get out of your desk, teach me and some others. I'm glad only down can you have power."

And should a second shot at happiness present itself? "I'm not sure," says Ben. "I don't plan that," says Ben. "Maybe as long as it's not on the island, or just in the world. And it should be a long drive."

### Surprises big and small

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BOOKS BY KARGER: "The Science of Physics" is a book.

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Myo: The most interesting story will always be about the love story in the past and the couple who have been together for a long time.

Genre: I don't care if he takes me to McDonald's or he takes me to a restaurant, I will be loving him.

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THE Culinary Arts graduate's special menu includes pasta dishes and creamy steaks. Photo: John Rodriguez group, displayed along the kitchen equipment.

## Son of suburbia

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NUCCA is from Bangkok, where his grandfather worked for General.

"He says that he'll get his own place one day and when he does, he'll have his own place to live."

Just after he helped in decorating the new modern living room. "He chose some of the things and some things—like the table from a nearby store."

Previously, when the store was mostly of gifts from some of the people.

"My father used to be the head of United Nations Children's Fund in Thailand and he was in the United Nations."

He brought home lots of things from Thailand and he was in the United Nations.

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DEBOR and other kids in the living room were looking at the new, modern day in the living room.



JOE is a common thing in the room, playing NBA 2K11 all day long.



KIMCHI is from a restaurant in Bangkok.



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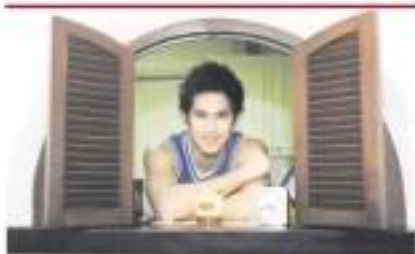
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## Son of suburbia

By Rosemarie Diego Jr.  
Photo by Raul Reyes

**J**OSE SARASOLA, ONE OF THE handy personalities on the ABS-CBN reality show "Pinoy Fear Factor," isn't advanced to admit he's a bona fide village kid who grew up in the suburbs.

"I'll rather hang out at home," he says. "I seldom go out on grounds—only for the birthday parties of friends and other special occasions."

When there are no dance workshops or mall events with the PFF crew, 22-year-old Jose spends the day loafing up in his room, working out in the gym, listening to the radio, or rollerblading around the village or shooting hoops.

Jose himself built the basketball court on a vacant lot in the Panatagor subdivision. "I borrowed the lot from the owner. I usually play ball with the neighborhood guys—my cousin (nicknamed), some boys and mostly girls."

He's pretty low-key, unlike most young people his age.

"It's not that I'm shy," he points out. "I just love staying home."

His personal space is pretty self-contained. "For as long as I have my TV DVD player, PlayStation and laptop within reach, I'll be fine."

### Special friends

Jose personally took charge of his room's renovation. He painted the walls white blue and hand-painted the floor and furniture.

"I usually stay up until 2 a.m., watching movies, so I wake up late."

For that reason, he had special friends to watch the late-night. "Even if it's high cost, it feels like siblings in my room," he says.

He got the brotherhood from House Depot and the miniature paintings from a Thai market.

The famous PFF star and basketball are members from his grand adventures in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

His friends all over the room are other souvenirs from his numerous travels—including limited cassette and cassette from Thailand that are mostly dead.

"I like music cassette," he says. He once kept a pet scorpion and now takes care of a sleeping cobra and four snakes.

At an early stage, Jose enjoyed all the attention he received in his house when he joined the PFF in 2005.

His three-week stint in Argentina, where he had to rough it in a very basic room, proved instructive. "I learned how to share a cramped bedroom and one bathroom with six guys I hardly knew."

Meanwhile, Jose confirms that Jose, who is graduating with a degree in Culinary Arts from the College of Hotel Studies this month, is a hardworking student.

"He designed his room in preparation for his future birthday party," Jose explains.

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"Pinoy Fear Factor" participant Jose Sarasola is a bona fide village boy



INTRICATE antique mirror is from Pigeon.



NARITY plays ball on court on a vacant lot near the family home.



PCCOYT garden is tended by Yaya Bete, who has a great touch.



INTRICATE batik print from Indonesia depicts a scene from the "Rhapsody."